

## JAPANESE USED RUSSIAN SIGNAL.

By So Doing They Succeeded in Deceiving Four Torpedo Boats And Capturing Them.

## ADVANCE ON THE PEKIN ROAD.

One by Japs Expected Shortly—Everything Suggests a Dash for Strategic Position in Korea.

London, Feb. 23.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, cabling under date of Feb. 22, reports that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by using the Russian signals.

This dispatch appears to confirm reports from various quarters of a fresh attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese. The report reached Nagasaki from Chefoo, and it adds that the Russian crews of the four torpedo boats have been transferred.

No other news of this attack has

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tary organization is superior to that of any European power.

A general Japanese advance along the Pekin road to Ping Yang, Korea, the correspondent continues, is expected shortly. The original plan was to land at Masampo, but the naval successes enabled the Japanese to begin operations at Chemulpo, and a further change of base to Chinnampo is high-

## GERMANY IN THE FAR EAST.

Baron von Sternberg Tells What Her Policy There Has Been.

## TOUCHED ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Was Far Seeing Eye of Washington Government That Saved China from Dismemberment in 1900.

Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—Baron Herman von Sternberg, the German ambassador to the United States, upon whom the University of Pennsylvania today conferred the degree of doctor of laws, was the principal speaker at the regular monthly meeting tonight of the American Academy of Political and Social Science at the New Century drawing room. A large audience warmly greeted the baron.

Baron von Sternberg, after referring at length to the part taken by German immigrants "in elevating the United States to its present greatness," concluded as follows:

"It was not until the year 1884 that the German empire, reunited and consolidated by the genius of Bismarck, acquired foreign colonies. First in Africa, later on in the Pacific, where she possesses various island groups.

"In 1898 the Chinese port of Pao Chou, with a strip of hinterland in the province of Shan Tung, was added to Germany's foreign possessions and her latest acquisition of territory is the islands of Upolu and Savaii of the Samoan group, in 1899. You will remember that these islands were governed by a condominium of three powers, the United States, Great Britain and Germany. Constant friction was the outcome of this form of government. During the summer of 1898 the three powers sent each a high commissioner to those unhappy islands with instructions to devise means to settle once and for ever all strife and to establish there a stable government. It is chiefly owing to the ability and far-sightedness of the American commissioner, Bartlett Tripp, that the vexed Samoan question was settled so quickly and in a manner acceptable and honorable to the three great friendly nations.

"Time is too short for me to dwell on the history and development of Germany's colonies in Africa and in the Pacific, but I think it may be of interest to you to hear a few words about her Chinese possession. Kiau Chou, since the eyes of the world are turned toward the battleship in the far east long ago. The powers of the world also foresaw long ago that to have a voice in the pending great councils of nations which should decide the fate and future of China they, above all, would need naval strongholds. And to reap the advantages of the coming trade of the far east, they would need harbors and trade emporiums. Without this backing they knew they would be forced to the rear, thus permitting the more powerful to reap the stupendous advantages which the future of China has in store. Only to those who have lived and labored in the far east is it given thoroughly to appreciate this true value of these advantages. England always possessed Hongkong. To the south, to which she added after the Chinese-Japanese war in 1894 the harbor and naval base of Wei Hai Wei in Shan Tung province. Russia gained after the same war the famous naval stronghold of Port Arthur and the port of Tientsin. Within a few years she had sprung up one of the finest cities and trade emporiums in the far east.

"The Spanish war brought to the United States the Philippine Islands with excellent harbors, most valuable both for strategic and commercial purposes. The already great value of these islands in China's eastern flank will be enormously enhanced after the opening of the Panama canal. They will be the great eastern trade emporiums of the United States from where will radiate her trade, feeding a Chinese coast line of 2,000 miles, studded with rich harbors, most of them the infancy of the Panama canal. The strategic position of Subig bay and other harbors is apparent even to the layman. France, as we know, controls a large portion of the southern frontier of China, including the vast port of Canton. Japan's strategic and commercial position is known to you all. When Germany procured the harbor of Kiau Chou from the Chinese government in 1898, her first step was to open it to the trade of the world. The laws and regulations governing trade and settlements there are considered 'the most liberal ever framed for a colony, the only close restrictions being those relating to public health. Regular steamship lines were soon established and the building of railroads taken in hand so as to tap the various resources of Shan Tung, especially its coal deposits. The German government has strictly adhered to the principle of placing the construction of railroads in private hands, bids being open to all nations.

"The establishment of law courts, the personnel of which is chosen partly from residents of Japan, is another marked advance in the development of the colony. The Chinese enjoy their own code of law. Only cases of crime

come partly under the German law owing to the severity of the Chinese penal code. The harbor and the hinterland have been thoroughly surveyed. The fundamental policy of Germany in the administration of her Chinese colony has given the greatest liberty to subjects of all nations and the maintenance of the best public order. Special provisions have been made preventing any molestation of the Chinese population, whose rights and property have been strictly respected and preserved.

"Under this sound and liberal government Kiau Chou is now beginning to bear good fruit and the imports of the nations passing through her widely open door are showing a steady increase. Grave fear and alarm was expressed by all concerned in the steadily growing trade of the far east when the war clouds out there were threatening to burst. It was the far-seeing eye of the Washington government which saved China from chaos and dismemberment during the Boxer trouble in 1900. New flames again threatened to arise from the still smouldering ashes. But in the right moment we again see the same ever watchful government arise and invite the powers of the world to act in concert so as to preserve the integrity of China and prevent a conflagration the limit of which no human mind would be able to foretell. Through this strong and able stroke not only the powers at peace but also those engaged in war will reap the great benefits, and it is to be hoped that the vast and increasing Chinese trade will develop undisturbed."

After the ambassador had concluded his address, he was tendered a reception by the members of the academy.

## FAR EASTERN WAR.

### Text of Notes Exchanged Regarding It Made Public.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The state department has made public the text of the notes exchanged with the powers respecting the far eastern war. The United States note already has been published. The text of the remaining notes follows:

On Feb. 13 the following answer was received from the Japanese government, addressed to the American minister in Tokyo:

Response to your note of the 12th instant on the subject of the neutrality of China during the existing war, I beg to say that the imperial government, sharing with the government of the United States in the fullest measure the desire to maintain the peace, is deeply disturbed by the disorderly condition of affairs now prevailing in China, are prepared to respect the neutrality

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protested against the action of the Japanese commander at the time and if it were true that the American commander refused to join with the other foreign commanders in protesting to the Japanese commander against his action threatening the town, he thought it likely the action of the commander of the Vicksburg would be the subject of an exchange of views between the St. Petersburg and Washington governments.

## THAT WHITE HOUSE CRANK.

### A Few Years Ago Edward Kelgar Killed His Wife.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—The Tribune today says:

Edward Kelgar, whose persistent efforts to see President Roosevelt yesterday resulted in his arrest at the White House, is known in Chicago. P. S. Whiting, 73 Florence avenue, says the man is his nephew and his belief is based on Kelgar's notion that people's names should be changed to indicate

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VICE ADMIRAL ITO, SAID TO BE IN SEARCH OF THE VLADIVOSTOK SQUADRON.

Vice Admiral Ito is one of the most popular men in Japan. A short time before the opening of hostilities he disappeared, and at the same time several warships of the Japanese navy were said to have left Nagasaki. Since then nothing has been heard of him, and there is a theory that he is hunting the powerful Vladivostok cruiser squadron. It was the hero of the Yalu river sea fight during the China-Japanese war, being in command of the fleet which put practically all the Chinese vessels engaged out of commission. He is sixty years of age.

been received in London, but the Chefoo correspondent of the Morning Post, in a dispatch dated Feb. 22, says the statement is current there that the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers in the attack on Port Arthur on Feb. 14 sunk or damaged two Russian battleships, in addition to the torpedo boats already reported.

It is possible, therefore, that the report of the Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent also refers to the earlier attack.

Viceoy Alexieff's retirement to Harbin is now an accomplished fact, and a correspondent of the Associated Press cables that Port Arthur is now strictly a naval stronghold and the forts are being manned by naval gunners.

Only 20 foreigners are now at Port Arthur, and they are traders disposing of their merchandise. Some of them are under suspicion, and there is likelihood of their being arrested.

There are many complaints of unwarranted arrests, unexplained expulsion and defamation of character by the Port Arthur police.

The report that large bodies of Cossack and other troops are occupying Newchwang and Tsing Ming is unfounded.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hongkong says a British squadron is concentrating there and that a corresponding French concentration of warships is occurring at Saigon, Indo-China. This is supposedly a result of the Anglo-French understanding.

According to the Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the American squadron, the vessels of which are variously reported at Chefoo and Shanghai, is going to make a demonstration at the mouth of the Yalu river.

Regarding the whereabouts of the Vladivostok fleet, the Nagasaki learns that it came south with the intent of bombarding Hakodate, but a snowstorm prevented the vessels from entering the straits of Tsugaru. They intend to make another attempt to reach Hakodate in March with the cruisers, five torpedo boats and an armed transport.

Indefinite reports of the movement of troops in the vicinity of the Yalu river and statements of attempts to cut the Siberian railroad are also published this morning.

The Wei Hai Wei correspondent of the Times describes a visit to Chemulpo, Korea, on Feb. 19, and the Japanese landing operations there, which he says demonstrated that the Japanese mili-

## UNHAPPINESS DISPELLED.

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ly probable.

As soon as the ice breaks up troops will be established at Ping Yang in sufficient strength to guard against a sudden Russian descent.

It is believed that while the sea power of Russia at Vladivostok is intact, the Japanese will not attempt to land on the eastern coast of Korea.

As an evidence of Japan's intention it is worthy of note that her cruisers are busy patrolling toward the north-west of Korea, and that she is not landing artillery at Chemulpo.

Everything suggests an immediate dash for a strategic position in northern Korea, the correspondent concludes, and it is possible the Russians are considerably further south than is supposed.

A Berlin dispatch says the Militar Wochenblatt, the organ of the German general staff, has published an article discussing Russia's prospects of reinforcing her army in east Asia. The paper takes a pessimistic view of the capacity of the Transiberian railroad, and especially of the section crossing Lake Baikal, where it says the difficulties to overcome are enormous. The paper estimates the present moving capacity of the railroad from Russia's experience of last summer in moving two brigades to Tachita, east of Lake Baikal, which was only accomplished at the rate of eight and a half miles an hour. At this rate it would take 25 days to convey 25,000 men from the Ural mountains to Mukden or Vladivostok.

The paper assumes the present strength of the Russian army in east Asia to be 158,731 men, and upon the foregoing estimate of time required to move troops it declares it will take until April 20 for Russia to raise the strength of her east Asiatic army to 250,000 men.

The Militar Wochenblatt is of the opinion that the easiest thing for Japan to do to compel Russia to abandon Manchuria is to strike at the center of the country, or, in other words, concentrate her forces against Harbin.

**Japanese Exhibit Arrives.**

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 22.—With the most valuable cargo ever brought to the Pacific coast from the orient, the American steamship Lyra arrived in Tacoma today from the orient. The Lyra brought the exhibit of the Japanese government for the Louisiana exposition at St. Louis, besides a miscellaneous cargo valued at \$1,000,000. It would be impossible to estimate the value of the entire cargo, for in the mikado's exhibit are articles of such rarity that they are priceless.

## Hawaiian Fishing Claims.

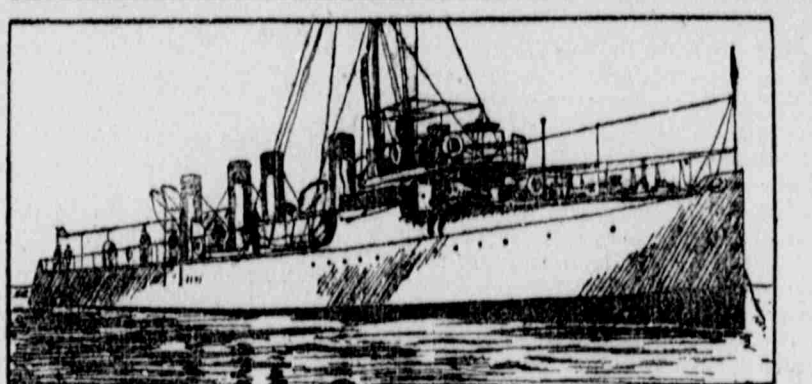
San Francisco, Feb. 23.—Lorrin Andrews, attorney-general of Hawaii, has arrived here on his way to Washington to argue the fisheries case before the United States supreme court, which is expected to come up for hearing early in March. This case, involving rights valued at \$1,000,000 or more, arose from a provision of the act creating the territory that all claims to private rights to fish in the ocean adjacent to the islands must be established by suit filed here in court. Several hundred suits were brought under the act, but by stipulation all of the plaintiffs will abide by the decision of the United States supreme court in the present case now on appeal.

## Convulsions

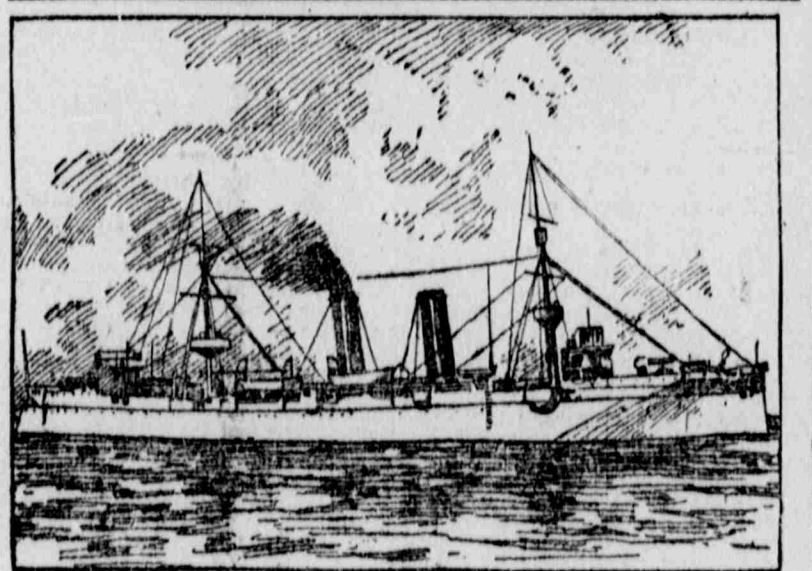
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and administrative entity of China outside the regions occupied by Russia, as long as Russia, making a similar engagement, fulfills in good faith the terms and conditions of such engagement."

On Feb. 13 the following answer was received from the Russian government:

"The imperial government shares completely the desire to insure tranquility of China; is ready to adhere to an understanding with other powers for the purpose of safeguarding the neutrality of that empire on the following conditions:

"Firstly, China must herself strictly observe all the clauses of neutrality.

Secondly, The Japanese government must loyally observe the engagement entered into with the powers, as well as the principles generally recognized by the law of nations.

"Thirdly, That it is well understood that neutralization in no case can be extended to Manchuria, the territory of which, by the force of events, will serve as a field of military operation."

On the same day the state department sent the following telegram to the governments of Russia and Japan, communicating its purpose to the other powers interested:

"The answer of the Russian government is viewed as responsive to the proposal made by the United States as well as by the other powers and this government will have pleasure in communicating it forthwith to the governments of China and Japan, each of which has already informed us of its adherence to the principles set forth in our circular proposal."

## RUSSIA COMPLAINS.

### Addresses the Powers on Japan's Alleged Violation of Law.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Russia is addressing to the powers, either through their representatives at St. Petersburg, the emperor's envoys, or, probably, through both, a vigorous communication charging Japan with repeated violations of the law of nations, first, as the note alleges, in threatening to attack a neutral port, Chemulpo, Korea, unless the Russian ships within came out to face an overwhelming force, and, second, in attacking Port Arthur before war had been declared and while the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg was still enjoying the protection and the courtesies of the Russian government, to which, it is claimed, he had just previously addressed a communication expressing his belief that the interruption of diplomatic relations between the two countries would be brief.

The dispatch contains the news of Russia's intended address to the powers has caused great interest. A diplomat whose government is inclined to sympathize with Russia said that the Russian government did not expect other powers to join in an attack on Port Arthur, but as to the threatened attack on Chemulpo, this diplomat said the Russian government expected the powers, in the interest of international law, would give this matter their earnest consideration. Several foreign naval commanders at Chemulpo, he said, were reported to have

## Alarmed by Earthquakes.

Albuquerque, N. M., Feb. 23.—The people living in the vicinity of Socorro, south of here, are becoming alarmed at the frequent recurrence of earthquakes shocks there. Yesterday morning the third severe shock in the past two weeks was felt and related reports received here are to the effect that the great lava beds east of San Marcel, known as the mal pais, or bad lands, have been disturbed by the shocks, great waves appearing here and there on the surface.

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